



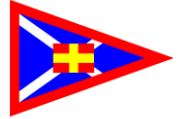
# United States Power Squadrons®

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**ROCKY MOUNT POWER SQUADRON**

**THE COASTAL PLAINS SIGNAL**

**March 2018**



## **Commander Linda (Bug) K. Joyner, S**

We had a very exciting COW at the Leaning Tree in Bailey. There was many guests, delicious food and a serious yet, playful spirit to our annual event. I know I quite enjoyed the COW and I am sure everyone else did as well. The Leaning Tree is a beautiful place and the food is always outstanding.

The Rocky Mount Power Squadron is entering the 47<sup>th</sup> year. We have many events to look forward to and participate in this year. The District 27 Spring Conference and COW is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Cary at the Hilton Garden Inn. The speaker will be the Tar Heel Traveler: Scott Mason, which will be very interesting! I am sure many of our members will be attending.

April will bring the spring and the second Chili Cook-off for our squadron. There are bound to be many entries as we have many accomplished cooks and all of us like to eat! The Down East Youth and Adult Bass Fishing Tournament is set for May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. This will also be our Wear It Campaign for the National Safe Boating Council. I hope we can have more members involved this year, perhaps we can set a record for the day in support of this fine endeavor. For more information, visit the webpage for this event: <https://www.downeastyouthfishing.net/>. There are also plans in the works to have a rendezvous at Holiday Island in May for Memorial Day weekend.

I look forward to working with everyone as a team to advance the Rocky Mount Power Squadron and America's Boating Club. Let us get off the dock and ride this boat to many new adventures and activities!

See you there!

Commander Linda Joyner (bug), S





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## RMPS Calendar 2018

1800 Monday 12 March	<b>RMPS Bridge Meeting</b> El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	1600 Saturday 21 April	<b>Chili Cook-Off</b> Bruner Residence
16-18 March	<b>D27 Spring Council/Conference</b> Hilton Garden Inn, Cary, NC	1800 Monday 14 May	<b>RMPS Bridge Meeting</b> El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC
1000-1700 07 April	<b>Boating Class</b> Braswell Memorial Library	18-19 May	<b>Down East Youth and Adult Fishing Tourn</b> Tar River Reservoir
1800 Monday 09 April	<b>RMPS Bridge Meeting</b> El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC	08-09 June	<b>D27 Rendezvous</b> New Bern, NC
1000-1700 14 April	<b>Boating Class</b> Braswell Memorial Library	1800 Monday 11 June	<b>RMPS Bridge Meeting</b> El Jimador, Rocky Mount, NC



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*P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP*

*Chair VSC Committee*

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**Thanks Chris**

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# Education Report

Greeting everyone spring is fast approaching many will be caught short-handed preparing for the upcoming boating season. One can learn from the United States Coast Guard by reviewing the rescues they perform daily, once a rescue is over the person in charge will write up a review of the situation praising, the ones for the actions they took to expedite the rescue as well as making recommendations that may prevent it from happening again. On the flip side of a review it is evident they may go as far as suggesting a Safe Boating Course. The captain is the responsible person in charge of the vessel and assigns lookouts, taking into account the age of children. Use common sense.

I was accompanied by my wife Barbara while vacationing in Florida. The two of us took some time to attend the Annual Meeting in Orlando. It is my own opinion the Seminars should be held over two days, taking into account the conflict of scheduling, so you can attend more than four.

The Education Dept. behind the scenes has and is busy improving the advanced courses and the method of presentation, full course credit or Know credit just take what you want. I attended the online Seminar [gotomeeting.com](http://gotomeeting.com).

Attention all instructors: Spring Boating Class Sat. April 7<sup>th</sup> and Sat. April 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 till 5:00 each class.

SEO Rocky Mount Power Squadron  
D/Lt Robert H Bruner, AP

## **USPS PLEDGE**

*"I do solemnly pledge to:*

*Abide by the bylaws of the United States  
Power Squadrons;*

*Promote high standards of navigation and  
seamanship;*

*Maintain my boat and operate it legally;*

*Render assistance whenever possible;*

*And conduct myself in a manner that will*

*add prestige, honor, and respect to the*

*United States Power Squadrons.*

## D27 Winter Training

*By P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P*

District 27 Winter Training took place at the Resurrection Lutheran Church School in Cary on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Eight-five power squadron members from Shallotte to Rocky Mount participated in training for Commanders, Executive Officers, Administrative Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers, Education Officers, Membership, Commander Aides, America's Boating Club Rebranding, DB 200 and Co-Op Charting/Geodetic Markers.

Commander Barbara Bruner, P/C Robert Bruner, P/C Linda "Bug" Joyner and P/C Lorraine Ryan attended the training. They spread out to the various sessions with Lorraine presenting a short seminar on the NC Humanities Road Scholar Program for the administrative officers.

District Commander Paula Stewart, AP welcomed everyone to the training and then attendees went to their respective classes. During lunch, members got to vote for the children from District 27 that submitted posters for the annual National Poster Contest with three groups representing children in the 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14 age categories. Winners were announced during the closing at the end of the day. The Shallotte River Sail & Power Squadron had a winner in both the 6-8 and 9-11 age categories while a student from the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron won the 12-14 age group. These posters will be on display in Orlando for all to see and vote for the final winners. Good Luck to District 27, which had won National Awards in the past.

### Marketing Committee

We have a new **America's Boating Club® Marketing Guidebook** to help you promote and market your squadron. It is extensive and comprehensive; use it as your Go-To compendium to understand and develop marketing programs to promote our organization. The Guidebook includes instructions and use of the America's Boating Club brand, and downloads for marketing materials such as a brochure and PowerPoint presentation, approved logos, instructions and information on marketing techniques, a training program on running a boat show booth, and the latest Brand Standards Manual.

# RMPS Change of Watch

By Lt/C Lorraine B. Ryan, P

The Rocky Mount Power Squadron held its 47<sup>th</sup> Change of Watch at The Leaning Tree in Bailey on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. P/C Chris Payne, AP was the Officer of the Deck and as always did an excellent job.

Eighteen members, associate members and guests attended for the gala event with squadron members in Class A Uniforms that looked smart. Since the weather was nice, we enjoyed our hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer in the cottage, which had a roaring fire going. After standing in front of it for a short time, many had to move away because of the heat.

Everyone in attendance commented on the delicious dinner prepared by the owner, Mary Wilson. The new addition to the menu this year, salmon was as tender and delicious as the chicken, rib eye and filet.

District Commander Paula F. Stewart, AP retired our Commander, Barbara Ann Bruner, P, installed our new Commander, P/C Linda "Bug" Joyner, S, our Educational Officer, P/C Robert Bruner, AP-IN and our other officers of the Bridge: Administrative Officer, P/C Lorraine B. Ryan, AP; Secretary Stf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN and P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP as Treasurer.

Since there was a mix-up going back to 2014, several Past Commander plaques were awarded to Chris, Bug and Barbara. Therefore, Barbara did receive *something* to prove that she served as the RMPS Commander for 2017.

The only challenging part of the evening was when Chris asked the Past Commanders of the Rocky Mount Power Squadron if they felt that our newest Past Commander Barbara should receive the past commanders flag. Almost all commented on the fact that Barbara did not deserve it at this time. They cited several reasons and were adamant that she not receive it on this night. Chris finally decided that he would give it to Robert who was not allowed to let Barbara possess it until everyone felt that she was worthy of it. All had a great evening and several members commented on the fact that they hoped to make it to our 50<sup>th</sup> C.O.W. only three years away!

The pictures on the following pages of the Change of Watch were provided by Barbara Bruner, Robert Bruner, Linda Joyner and Sally Benson.



The Leaning Tree Dining Room



Lorraine Ryan, Sally and Phil Benson



Mark and Liz Fairman with Greg and Connie Shay



Greg Shay, Phil Benson, Ondra Gainey and Chris Payne.



Linda and Dave Parsons(front)  
Ondra and Nelson Gainey(back)



Drinks in the cottage.



Master of Ceremonies  
P/C Christopher E. Payne, AP.



D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP



Paula swearing in the new Commander  
Linda K. Joyner, S



Paula swearing in the SEO  
Robert H. Bruner, AP-IN



The 2018 Bridge



Cdr Barbara Ann Bruner, P  
Performing her last duties.



Barbara learning why she won't get her P/C flag.



No! No! No!



Cdr Linda K. Joyner, S is now in charge of the Rocky Mount Charter.



Bug is presented with her P/C plaque.  
(Note: One year late)



Barb presents the Commander's cup to Robert.

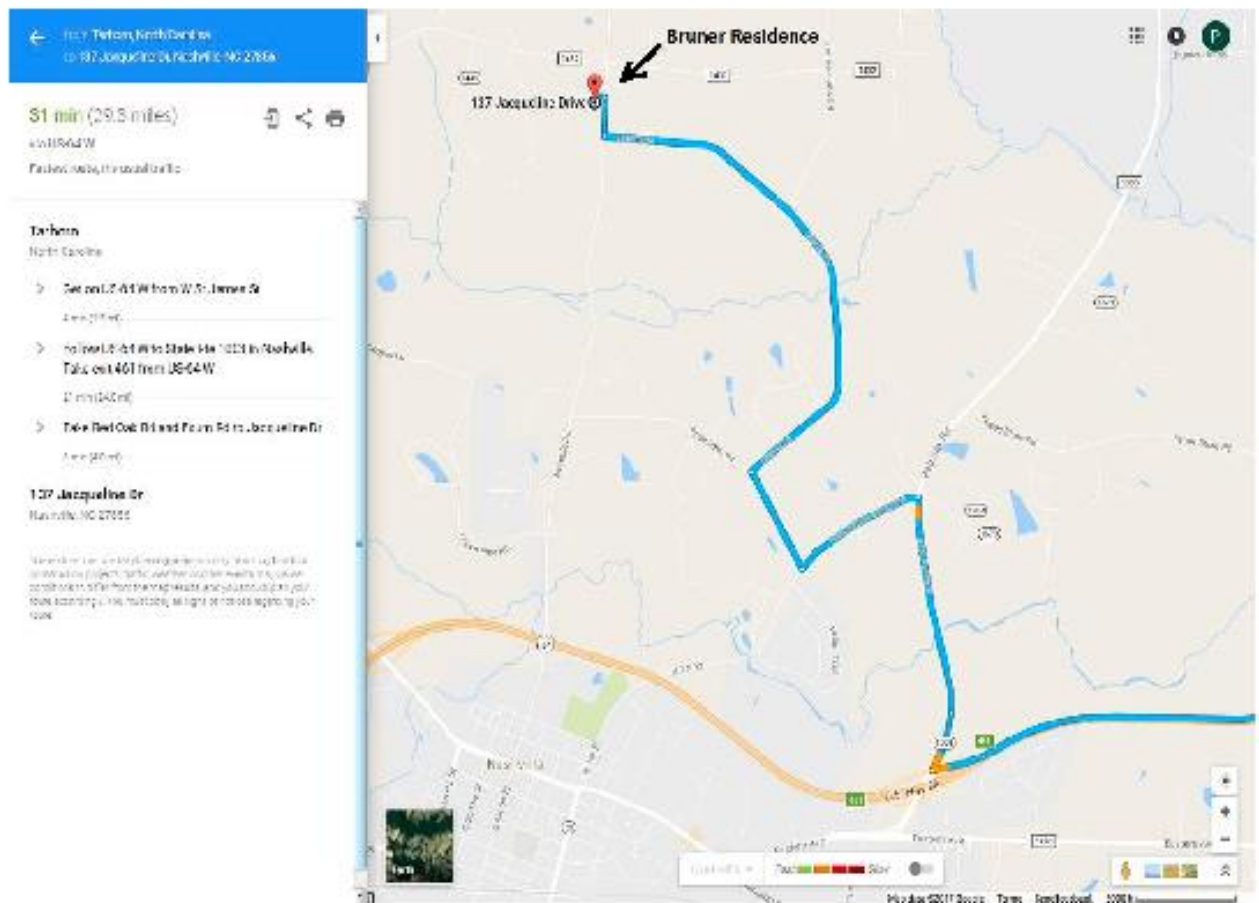


Linda is happy with her P/C flag.





Bring your best **Chile**, "April Fool Joke" and preferred liquid refreshment to the home of Barbara and Robert  
1600 Saturday 21 April





D/27 Spring Council/Conference and Change of Watch  
 Hilton Garden Inn  
 Cary, NC  
 March 16-18, 2018  
 Agenda



**Friday, 16 March**

Uniform: Casual – USPS/District/Squadron Shirt

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT LEADER
1330-1700	Member Registration	Pre-function area	Charlotte Power Squadron
	Voter Registration	Pre-function area	D/1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Robert Bruner, AP-IN
1330-1830	Raffle Sales		Charlotte Power Squadron
1400-1700	Silent Auction	Bradford C	Charlotte Power Squadron
1400-1500	D/27 Bridge & Aides Meeting	Dogwood Room/DT	D/C Paula Stewart, AP
1500-1530	Nominating Committee (closed)	Dogwood Room/ DT	P//D/C Gene Alligood, AP
1530-1630	Squadron Commanders Meeting (closed)	Dogwood Room DT	D/Lt Lorraine Ryan, P
1700-1730	New Members, First Timers, P/D/C		
	And Host Squadron Reception	Hospitality Suites	D/C Paula Stewart, AP
1730-1830	Member Reception	Hospitality Suites	D/C Paula Stewart, AP

**Dinner on your own** (list of area restaurants will be available.)

**Saturday, 17 March**

Uniform Meeting – Class F or USPS/District/Squadron Shirt

Uniform Evening – Class A with Bowtie or Blazer with tie or appropriate attire

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT LEADER
0800-0945	Member Registration	Pre-function area	Charlotte Power Squadron
	Voter Registration	Pre-function area	D/1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Robert Bruner, AP-IN
0800-1800	Raffle Sales		Charlotte Power Squadron
0800-1100	Silent Auction	Bradford C	Charlotte Power Squadron
0900-1000	Tar Heel Traveler	Bradford A/B	D/Lt/C Patricia Hakanson, SN
	<b>Presenter: Scott Mason</b>		
1015-1115	Planning Committee (closed)	Bradford A/B	P/D/C Dave Parsons, JN
1015-1100	Spouses Coffee	Suite (TBD)	Charlotte Power Squadron
1130-1330	Members Awards Luncheon	Bradford D	D/C Paula Stewart, AP
1345-1415	Announcement Silent Auction Winners		Charlotte Power Squadron
	Spring Council/Conference Convenes	Bradford A/B	D/C Paula Stewart, AP
	Invocation/Last Horizon Report		P/C Alec Wrenn, SN
	Pledge of Allegiance/Singing of National Anthem		Stf/C Robert Howd, JN
	Introduction P/D/C's & Guests		P/D/C Ann Bailey, AP
1415-1515	Introduction of National Representative		P/D/C Dave Parsons, JN
1515-1630	Town Hall Meeting		V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN
	Spring Council/Conference continues		D/C Paula Stewart, AP
	Officer Reports		
	Reports of General Committees		Committee Chairpersons
	Reports of Standing Committees		Committee Chairpersons
	Meeting Recesses		
After meeting	N Club Meeting	Bradford A/B	Stf/C Robert Howd, JN
1715	Members Reception (cash bar)		
1800	Dinner	Bradford D	P/C Sandra Howd, AP
	Announcement of Raffle Winner		Charlotte Power Squadron

**Sunday, 18 March**

0900-1030	Bridge Meeting	Dogwood Room/DT	D/C Greg Shay, JN
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**DISTRICT 27 SPRING COUNCIL/CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH**  
**HILTON GARDEN INN RALEIGH-CARY**  
**131 COLUMBUS AVENUE CARY, NC 27518**  
**MARCH 16-18, 2018**



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Pay the amount in **RED** if reservations are submitted by **Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**, reservations after the cutoff are in **BLACK**.

Facility Fee for EACH attendee (Discounted Price) \$ 5.00 / \$ 8.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday 16 March**

Members' Reception - Hospitality Suites NO CHARGE Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

**Saturday 17 March**

Spouse's Coffee NO CHARGE Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Members' Awards Luncheon (Bradford D) (Discounted Price) \$18.00 / \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Watch Banquet (Bradford D) – Cash Bar

**Dinner Choices:**

Stuffed Flounder with Creole Cream Sauce (Discounted Price) \$40.00 / \$42.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Roulade served with an Au Jus Demi Glaze (Discounted Price) \$40.00 / \$42.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New member since October 2017  1<sup>st</sup> time at District meeting

Make checks payable to: District 27. Send form and payment no later than February 26<sup>th</sup> to:

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**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**at 2pm EST**

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